(b) Casual workers are engaged for various kinds of casual work available at the Institute. Certain types of heavy manual work can be performed better by male workers. Casual workers are regularised in a phased manner through a duly constituted committee which follows the prescribed procedure. Women workers are given appropriate job opportunities, after taking into account the relevant instructions.

(c) One hundered and eighty-five.

**Funds to Krishi Vigyan Kendra Sonamukhi, West Bengal**

3141. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request for the sanction of Rs. 3.65 lakhs for meeting the requirements of the Krishi Vigyan Kendra Sonamukhi, Bankura District (West Bengal) had recently been received by the Ministry from the said Kendra; and

(b) if so, whether the ICAR has taken any steps to sanction the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Release of grant to the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sonamukhi for the current financial year has been held up due to non-receipt of Audit Certificates for the period 1984-85 onwards. The Host Institute has been reminded for the same. As soon as the Audit Certificates are received, further grant will be released.

**Strike by Junior Engineers of CPWD**

3142. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Junior Engineers of the Central Public Works Department throughout the country are on indefinite strike since 14th July, 1987;

(b) whether they had served strike notice as required under the Industrial Disputes Act;

(c) if so, what are the reasons that the strike was declared illegal;

(d) what are their demands;

(e) whether it is a fact that they are agitating for settlement of their demands, mainly, the stagnation in their promotional prospects and pay scale since 1973; and

(f) whether Government have taken steps to settle their demands through negotiations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) J.Es are not covered by the I.D. Act, 1947 and as such there is no question of serving of strike notice by them. In view of this the strike by J.Es was declared illegal as they are covered under CCS/(CCA) Rules.

(d) The details of their demands are given in the Statement I (*See* below).

(e) CPWD J.Es Association started their demand for revision of pay scales after the pay scale of D'man Grade I was revised as a result of an Arbitration Award in June, 1980. They had also been representing for improvement in their promotion prospects due to stagnation in the grade of J.E.

(f) The decisions taken by the Government on main demands of J.Es are given in the Statement II.

**Statement-I**

*The details of demands of junior engineers of CPWD*

1. Removal of existing anomaly in the pay scale with retrospective ef-

fect and minimum Rs. 1640-2900 pay scale (basic grade) for the Junior Engineers of CPWD.

2. No bifurcation of the cadre of Junior Engineers.

3. Immediate implementation of cadre review, promotion through seniority-cum-fitness basis.

4. Fixed Travelling allowance.

5. Enhancement of Planning Special Pay and Design Special Pay.

**Statement-II**

*Decisions taken by the Government on various demands of Junior Engineers Association*

(i) *Pay Scale*: They pay Commission has prescribed two scales of pay for J.Es:—

(a) Junior Scale—Rs. 1400-2300.

(b) Senior Scale—Rs. 1640-2900.

The J.Es have been demanding that they should be given only one scale equivalent to the senior scale. The Pay Commission has awarded these two scales prescribing that 50 per cent posts may be given to each. Considering the demand of the J.Es, the Government have decided that 25 per cent posts for the junior scale and 75 per cent for the senior scale may be prescribed.

(ii) *Cadre Review*: The Junior Engineers' second demand is regarding stagnation in their cadre. Government undertook a Cadre Review and have decided that 559 posts of Assistant Engineers may be created in lieu of the equivalent number of posts of Junior Engineers to improve their promotion prospects.

(iii) *Fixed Travelling Allowance*: In order to compensate Junior Engineers (who do not own vehicle) for the expenditure incurred on journeys within a radius of 8 Kms. from the Headquarters on official duties, instructions have been issued to all the circles/divisions regarding the relevant provisions of Delegation of Financial Power Rules, 1978 and allow reimbursement of hire charges.

(iv) Enhancement of Planning and design special Pay. The matter is under consideration.

**Guidelines for vacation of private accommodation hired by Government Departments**

3143. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate of Estates have formulated certain guidelines for vacantion of private accommodation taken on lease by the Central Government Departments including the Public Sector Undertakings for office and residential purposes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action is taken by his Ministry in case of non-implementation of the said guidelines by any Department of the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) A decision was taken in 1977 that all the premises taken on lease by the Directorate of Estates for use as residential accommodation should be released after ten years from the date of lease after obtaining an undertaking from the landlords that they would not lease the same for the next three years. Pursuant to that decision, all the properties taken on lease for residential purposes by the Dte. of Estates in Delhi have been released to the owners. This decision does not cover premises taken on lease by other Central Govt. Deptts. and the Public Sector Undertakings.

(c) Question does not arise.